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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: U.S. NAVY PARTICIPATION IN THE NATO SACLANT UNDERSEA  
RESEARCH CENTRE, LA SPEZIA, ITALY

Ref: (a) DODINST 2010.1 of 2 Sep 81 (NOTAL)  
(b) CNO ltr Ser 341P72 of 14 Mar 63 (NOTAL)  
(c) NATO document C-M(62) 101 (Revised) of 21 Feb 63  
(NOTAL)  
(d) SACLANT ltr C-332/3360/1kr Ser 480 of 19 Jun 79  
(NOTAL)  
(e) SECNAVINST 5510.34 (NOTAL)  
(f) OPNAVINST C5510.101D (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To encourage broader U.S. Navy participation in the activities of the NATO Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT) Undersea Research Centre, (herein referred to as SACLANTCEN or the Centre), La Spezia, Italy; to increase use of the Centre's products within the U.S. Navy's Undersea Warfare (USW) community and other users; to increase the flow of releasable information to the SACLANTCEN; to define the authorities and responsibilities of U.S. activities charged with providing liaison and support to the SACLANTCEN; and to serve as U.S. Navy source document on the SACLANTCEN. Several minor changes have occurred. Document should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 3360.1.

3. Background. The SACLANT Undersea Research Centre (formerly SACLANT ASW Research Centre), La Spezia, Italy, is a NATO International Military Organization subordinate to SACLANT. It provides scientific and technical advice and assistance to SACLANT, primarily in the fields of anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and mine warfare (MIW), and is responsible through SACLANT to the requirements of NATO naval forces in this field. The Centre operates under the policy direction of SACLANT, who, with the assistance of a Scientific Committee of National Representatives (SCNR), determines the general outline and scope of its program of work, including the magnitude of the effort in different



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areas. By reference (a) and other documentation, the Department of Defense (DOD) assigned to the Department of the Navy the responsibility for administering all U.S. support to the SACLANTCEN. By reference (b), the Chief of Naval Operations requested the Chief of Naval Research (CNR) assume responsibility for providing and coordinating all U.S. support to the SACLANTCEN, including the designation of a U.S. National Liaison Officer (USNLO) to the Centre.

#### 4. SACLANTCEN Mission and Terms of Reference

a. The mission and functions of the SACLANT Undersea Research Centre are established in its charter, reference (c): "The Centre's mission will be to provide scientific and technical advice and assistance to SACLANT in the field of anti-submarine warfare, and to be in all respects responsive through SACLANT to the requirements of NATO naval forces in this field. As a subsidiary function the Centre may, without prejudice to its main task, render scientific and technical assistance, within the approved programme, to NATO nations requesting aid with anti-submarine warfare problems. The Centre shall perform the following functions:

- (1) operational research and analysis;
- (2) research and limited development (but not engineering for manufacture) in the fields of anti-submarine warfare and mine warfare, including oceanography;
- (3) advisory and consultant work;
- (4) exploratory research;
- (5) such other related tasks as may be necessary."

b. The SACLANTCEN's Terms of Reference (reference (d)) describe its technical program as follows:

(1) Research studies and investigations directed primarily toward detection, classification, and localization in the field of anti-submarine warfare.

(2) Research studies and investigations in oceanography, with emphasis given to lines of research having potential application to anti-submarine warfare problems.

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(3) System concepts studies aimed at defining conceptual anti-submarine warfare systems for possible development within NATO.

(4) Operational research studies supporting research undertaken in (1), (2), and (3) and as otherwise directed.

5. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to cooperate with its NATO allies to achieve the maximum exchange of scientific and technical information with the objective of increasing the effectiveness of the scientific and technical resources of the NATO alliance, especially by eliminating unnecessary and wasteful duplication of effort. The Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations fully support this policy. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy endorses broad dissemination of SACLANTCEN reports and results within the U.S. Navy USW community to assure maximum benefit from the technological capabilities of our allies. It also shall be Navy policy to cooperate with the SACLANTCEN in research and systems studies and encourage cooperative use of research vessels, aircraft, and oceanographic research equipment. Further, U.S. Navy organizations are encouraged to make known to the SACLANTCEN recent developments in oceanography and USW research consistent with the disclosure policy contained in reference (e).

6. Responsibilities and Authority

a. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition (ASN(RD&A)) will serve as the executive agent for the DOD and Navy for policy matters relating to the SACLANTCEN. This specifically includes responsibility for nominating U.S. candidates for the positions of SACLANTCEN Director and Deputy Director, and appointing the U.S. Representative to the SCNR.

b. The Chief of Naval Research is specifically charged with providing all U.S. support to the SACLANTCEN including the appointment of the U.S. National Liaison Officer (USNLO) to the Centre. Through the USNLO, the CNR is responsible for the following:

(1) Act as U.S. focal point for contact with the Centre.

(2) Assist the Centre in recruitment and personnel administration for U.S. citizens assigned to the Centre.

(3) Assist in fiscal administration.

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(4) Administer U.S. visit requests to the Centre and visits by Centre personnel to U.S. activities.

(5) Administer U.S. National support to the Centre that is outside the NATO infrastructure.

(6) Administer requests for information and documents to and from the U.S. and the Centre, monitor disclosure review of classified documents to expedite response, and control distribution of Centre documents within the United States.

(7) Provide support to the U.S. Representative to the SCNR.

(8) Administer requests from the Centre for equipment, other assets, or services.

(9) Assist the ASN(RD&A) in the following:

(a) Identifying, in cooperation with the U.S. Representative to the SCNR, U.S. candidates for the positions of SACLANTCEN Director and Deputy Director; and

(b) Identifying candidates for the positions of U.S. Representative to the SCNR and alternate.

(10) Coordinating these matters with the Director, Navy Test and Evaluation and Technology Requirements (N091), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

7. Visits to the SACLANTCEN. All U.S. visitors to the SACLANTCEN must submit visit requests to the USNLO to SACLANTCEN, Office of Naval Research (ONR 321), 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660. Direct liaison by U.S. activities with the SACLANTCEN is not authorized.

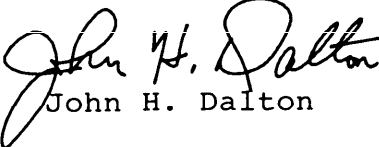
8. Action. Addressees will initiate the following actions:

a. Review internal procedures to ensure that SACLANT Undersea Research Centre and other NATO reports are distributed in a timely manner to all personnel with a demonstrated "need to know."

b. Forward recommendations concerning additions or deletions to the distribution list of SACLANTCEN reports to the USNLO to SACLANTCEN, Office of Naval Research, (ONR 321), 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660.

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c. Per the guidelines contained in references (e) and (f), forward material appropriate for release to the NATO SACLANT Undersea Research Centre to the USNLO to SACLANTCEN, Office of Naval Research (ONR 321), 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660. The Office of Naval Research will initiate disclosure review of the material and monitor results.

  
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